

# Chapter Summaries

## PROLOGUE

The story starts off with a flash bang of Samantha Kingston's memory. Samantha believes that when she dies she will have flash bangs of her best friends, family members, and any other people whom she was close to. Instead, she has a flash bang of Vicky Hallinam, a girl she has not talked to since 4th grade. Vicky was a bully and did not get along well with her peers. Once she joined the lacrosse team in the high school, she was able to make some friends.

Samantha goes ahead and talks about her popularity and what popularity means as a high school student. High school is all about being on the laughing side. Being in the laughed-at side would mean losers. Samantha talks about her best friends, Lindsay, Elody, and Ally, how much fun they had and enjoyed their years at high school. And then there were nothing. She is falling from the sky.

## CHAPTER ONE

Samantha wakes up to find herself it is Cupid Day. On Cupid day, her best friends, Lindsay, Elody, and Ally would wear the same red tanks and skirts. Lindsay pulls off to pick up Samantha who is racing out of the front door to crawl into the "tank". While eating bagels, Lindsay drives off to pick up Elody and Ally. Samantha and her

friends are Seniors and the most popular group of girls in their high school. Rob and Samantha have promised to sleep together on Cupid Day after going out for several month. However, Samantha is sleeping with him so that her friends would quit making fun of her as a kid.

In biology class, Samantha takes a pop quiz and cheats on it. She talks to herself how she would not slack off during the second semester of her senior year, yet she still does slack off. After finishing her lunch, Lindsay and Samantha decide to skip the next class to have yogurts. After school, the group of girls decide to go to Kent's party at night. At the party, Samantha does not feel good and forgets about the promise she has with her boyfriend, Rob. Juliet, a bully at the school, comes up to the group of girls and curses at them. Lindsay drives Samantha and other two friends to home. Lindsay's cigarette falls down and the girls are fighting at the back seat. In a second, the car flips and crashes. She is falling down to a black hole.

## CHAPTER TWO

Samantha wakes up in her bed sweating. The date on her alarm shows the same date as the day she died, the Cupid Day. She is confused and goes to the school once again in Lindsay's car. Samantha thinks she is having a Dejavu. However, everything seems too real for her. Samantha finds out that she is having another chance to relive the day she died. Samantha knows what happened in the past. She knows exactly how many roses she got, which was four. She wants to change her destiny or fate by shifting or changing things around.

The group of popular girls are once again going to the party. However, knowing she will die after the party, she tries her best to not go to the party. Lindsay holds the final decision for the group. Lindsay decides they will go to the party and after few hours, they would go to Elody's house to watch movies. All the events that took place in the party happens all over again, the curses from Juliet, the car accident. Samantha is once again dead.

## CHAPTER THREE

Samantha opens her eyes and instantly looks at the date, Cupid Day. She fakes that she is sick and goes to the school after the third period. Again, she skips the period after the lunch with Lindsay to eat yogurts. After finishing Yogurts, Lindsay wants to have a cigarette. Two teachers comes along to catch Lindsay and Samantha. They, luckily, get away from the teachers. Samantha gets locked up in the gym locker room. After getting out of the place, a high school girl comes up to Samantha and starts crying, mentioning how she will be kicked away from house because she is accused of cheating she did not do.

Samantha does not feel well after meeting the high school girl. Lindsay is worried about her and asks what she wants to do. Samantha takes this as a chance to stay in Elody's house and watch movies. Elody's mother talks about Juliet's suicide at night, and the girls feel horrible because they made fun of her everyday. Feeling hit by a ball, Samantha goes to the garage and finds a yearbook. In the yearbook, Samantha finds out that Juliet used to be Lindsay's best friend. Being annoyed with her best friend's past,

Samantha talks to Lindsay. Lindsay ignores her and keeps on repeating how Juliet's case in suicide is right. Being annoyed and disappointed, Samantha goes to sleep.

## CHAPTER FOUR

Samantha wakes up again in her bed on Cupid Day. She is very disappointed by the fact her best friend, Lindsay, is not straight with her past. Samantha fights with Lindsay on the way to the school. Lindsay, being short-tempered, leaves Samantha on the road. Samantha is late and barely makes her way to the math class. Her math teacher is the hottest teacher in the high school. Because Samantha is reliving the last day of her life over and over, she believes that she could do anything and be able to get away with it. She starts to lure the math teacher into kiss her.

When she goes to her usual lunch table, her friends is not there. Samantha has been dumped by her closest friends. She goes to the toilet after the lunch and finds Anna there. Anna was another person that Samantha and her friends made fun of her because Lindsay did not like Anna. After talking with Anna about boys and the school, Samantha realizes that Anna is in fact a very nice person. After school, Samantha has nothing to do, thus she decides to go shopping with a group of “uncool” girls. The group of girls end up going to Kent's party. Partly afraid of dying again, Samantha asks Kent if she could sleep in his house and does so.

## CHAPTER FIVE

Samantha decides she does not want to go to school. She asks mom politely in order to skip her school for that day. Her mother, being a little scared of her politeness, allows Samantha to stay at home. Samantha takes Izzy to her school. On the journey to Izzy's school, they talk about their problems at school. For once, Samantha has worried about Izzy's accent and how most of the students are making fun of her. However, Izzy replies by how accent will show her uniqueness. Samantha is astonished by Izzy's reply however, as they come close to Izzy's house, she finds how important it is to be unique and special.

At night, Samantha goes to Kent's party in search of Juliet who is suppose to suicide around midnight. She runs around the party and ask if people have seen Juliet. Later on, Samantha finds Juliet in the wood. Samantha tries her best to try and keep Juliet be alive, making reasons for her to continue her life and never suicide. Samantha then returns to Kent's house very stressed. This time, Samantha take time to talk with Kent about his life and hers. After long discussions, Samantha, again, sleeps in Kent's house.

## CHAPTER SIX

Samantha wakes very happy. She is very polite to her family members. She describes everything as very joyful and happy. After arriving at school, Samantha tries to find Juliet. Rob gets angry at Samantha because she is not caring about him and he feels Samantha is leaving him behind. However, Samantha simply ignores him and continue

to find Juliet. When Kent comes along to ask if Samantha would come to his party, Samantha happily accepts.

After finding Juliet, Samantha is curious why Juliet and Lindsay were best friends until the fifth grade. Juliet says she knows Lindsay's secret, but trails off and runs away. Samantha finds out that in fifth grade girl scout camp, it was Lindsay who peed on her pants not Juliet. Later at the party, Samantha ignores Rob and goes to Kent. Samantha kind of ask him to go out with him. They kiss until their heads get hazy and sleep together.

## CHAPTER SEVEN

When Samantha wakes up, she has a strange feeling it will be her last repetition of her last day. She goes to the living room and pays special attention to how her parents and sister's actions. When she heads off to school, she gives them a good bye, a good bye that sounded as though they would never meet again. At school, Samantha sends Kent a rose.

Samantha goes ahead to break up with Rob. Rob still thinks that she is superior than Samantha and should not have gone out with Samantha. Once again, Samantha thinks it would be her last day. She lists things special and unique about her friends. She gives off special thanks and good byes to them. Samantha goes to the party alone by herself.

## EPILOGUE

In the epilogue, Samantha expresses her feelings towards her friends and parents. She believes that time does not matter that when you do things does not matter at all. Meanings are the things that matter and will last. Samantha gives an example by saying how Kent and she kissed in fifth grade and until now she believed it was not big of a deal. However, after she has fallen in love with him, she finds that time does not matter, that her kiss in fifth grade continued in her high school year. Samantha finishes by saying how Death is not that bad.

## - Key Facts-

**TITLE:** Before I fall

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**DATE OF PUBLICATION:** 2010

**NARRATOR/ POINT OF VIEW:** Samantha (Main Character)/ First person

**TOPE:** Mostly Happy and Mysterious

**SETTING (TIME):** Cupid Day

**SETTING (PLACE):** High school, Party

**PROTAGONIST:** Samantha

**MAJOR CONFLICT:** Samantha gets to relive the last day of her life. She struggle with her decisions and fate in order to end the repetition. Through her journey

**RISING ACTION:** During repetition of her last day, Samantha fights with her best friend, Lindsay, dumps Rob, and goes out with Kent.

**CLIMAX:** The last repetition of her life

**FALLING ACTION:** She finally finds out the true meaning of life: meaning.

**FORESHADOWING:** There is definitely foreshadowing in the book. Each chapter foreshadows the next chapter. For example, conflicts or the truth revealed in the previous chapter would affect the next chapter.